

**Regimental orders. City of Richmond, May 24, 1809 ... [Signed] Geo W. Smith. Lt. Col. Commander, 19th regiment Virginia militia. [Richmond, 1809].**

**REGIMENTAL ORDERS.**

CITY OF RICHMOND, May 24, 1809.

In *consequence* of a *letter* received from the General of the 2d Brigade, accompanied by a copy of the letter from the Secretary of the Department of War, to his Excellency the Governor of Virginia, the Commandant of the 19th regiment conceives himself charged to announce "That the detachment of 10,198 Militia, made in pursuance of the communication to his Excellency from the Department of War, bearing date the 29th day of October, 1808, is no longer required to be held in readiness for actual service." And that "It is requested by the President of the United States that his thanks may be presented to those corps whose patriotism has induced them to volunteer their services to the United States:" And from the *letter* of the Brigadier General, he has to *repeat*, that "The Governor exhorts his fellow citizens of the militia zealously to employ themselves in the acquisition of a knowledge of that art which may be their greatest security in the day of battle ; and congratulates *us all* on the late happy change of prospect with respect to our foreign relations."

The detachment from the 19th regiment made in pursuance of the General Orders of the Governor of Virginia of the 9th of November, 1808, is therefore, hereby discharged: And to the officers and Privates of that detachment, whose patriotism has induced them to volunteer their services to the United States, the Commandant of the 19th Regiment has the honor to present the thanks of the President of the U. S.

The pleasure felt by the Commandant of the 19th Regiment in making these communications has only been equalled by that which he experienced from the promptitude with which the patriotism of his fellow citizens, officers and privates of this Regiment, has been evinced upon all occasions when they have been called upon to either take the field, or to hold themselves in readiness to vindicate the rights and honor of their nation. He felicitates them upon the change in our foreign relations which has been produced by the wisdom and virtue of our government, to enable it to dispense with their services in war, and us to continue to cultivate and enjoy the arts and blessings of peace.

The sensibility with which the Commandant of the 19th Regiment feels the high honor reflected upon himself from the merits of those whom he has been called to command, makes him confidently hope, that the examples they have furnished in their zeal and patriotism, and the rewards they have received in the thanks of their government, will not fail to excite every individual

in the Regiment to emulate those virtues, which, upon some future occasion, may entitle him also to the like honorable reward.

GEO: W. SMITH, *Lt. Col. Commandant 19th Regiment Virginia Militia.*

---

Major John Ambler 1st Battalion 19 Regiment Presuit

---

182/23